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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 4119C7 US

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Title 4,7-Dichlorofluorescein Dyes as Molecular Probes

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 25]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Certified Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other: Transmittal of Cont. Pat. App. under 37CFR 1.53(b)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/ 949,444 filed September 7, 2001

Prior application information:

Examiner: Frederick F. KrassGroup Art Unit: 1614

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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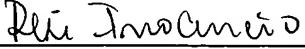
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**Transmittal of Continuation Patent Application
For Filing Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

PRIOR APPLICATION: Examiner: Frederick F. Krass Art Unit: 1614

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. 09/949,444 filed on September 7, 2001 by Steven M. Menchen, Linda G. Lee, Charles R. Connell, N. Davis Hershey, Vergine Chakerian, Sam L. Woo, Steven Fung entitled

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1. Enclosed are:

- One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- Certificate of Express Mail.
- One utility patent application containing text pages 1 - 25
 _____ sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Application Data Sheet.
- Copy of executed Declaration of Inventorship from great-great-great-great grandparent application serial no. 07/939,813.
- Sequence Listing printout, Request to Use from prior application, and matching Declaration.
- A Preliminary Amendment.
- A new Power of Attorney.

2. Amendment

- Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- Please cancel original claims _____, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This application is a divisional / continuation of application serial no. _____ filed _____ which is a divisional / continuation of application serial no. _____ filed _____ . --

3. Extension of Time

- A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to _____ (copy enclosed).

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing *if* required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. Prior Documents Still in Effect

This application and parent application Serial No. 09/949,444 filed September 7, 2001 are assigned of record to Applera Corporation.

Power of attorney in the above-identified prior application is to Vincent M. Powers, Reg. No. 36,246, and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

5. Fees

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